

REMARKS

This is a Supplemental Response to Applicants' Response to the Final Office Action mailed June 20, 2007, in which a three (3) month Shortened Statutory Period for Response has been set and which expires September 20, 2007. Twenty-three (23) claims, including two (2) independent claims, were paid for in the application. Claims 1, 17, and 20 are currently amended. Claims 15, 18, and 28-31 are cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 13, 17, 20-23, 25, and 26 are pending. No new matter has been added to the application. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

The Final Office Action indicated that claim 15 included allowable subject matter. In Response to the Final Office, claim 1 was amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 15. An Advisory Action mailed September 6, 2007, indicated Applicants' Response to the Final Office was not entered.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank supervisory Examiner Terrel Morris for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative, Dr. Eric M. Ringer, on September 18, 2007, and again on September 19, 2007.

On September 18, 2007, at the suggestion of retiring Primary Examiner Daniel Zirker, Dr. Ringer telephoned supervisory Examiner Morris. Dr. Ringer and Examiner Morris discussed possible amendments to claim 1. The discussed amendments were not directed to the subject matter that Examiner Zirker indicated as being allowable. The discussed amendments were directed to clarifying whether a claimed "release liner" overlies a claimed "first layer of adhesive" or a claimed "second layer of adhesive" and directed to a claimed "pull tab." Afterwards, Dr. Ringer faxed Examiner Morris a DRAFT claim 1.

On September 19, 2007, Dr. Ringer and Examiner Morris discussed the DRAFT claim 1. Agreement was reached. Examiner Morris indicated that the agreed upon claim 1 would be entered by Applicants filing a Supplementary Amendment.

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Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider this application and timely allow all pending claims. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Dr. Ringer by telephone to discuss the above and any other distinctions between the claims and the applied references, if desired. If the Examiner notes any informalities in the claims, he is encouraged to contact Dr. Ringer by telephone to expediently correct such informalities.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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